

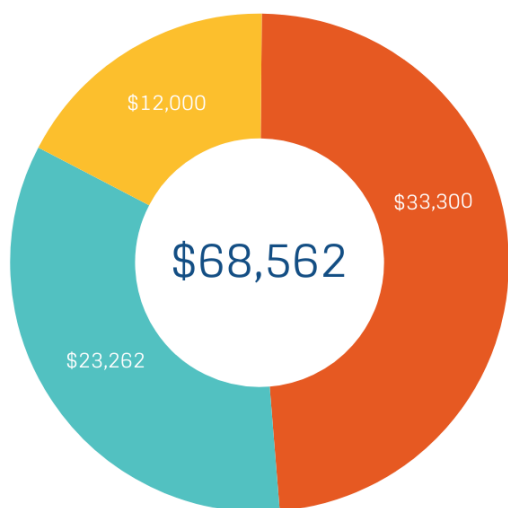
# 2017 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative TAUNTON / ATTLEBORO

Funded Partners

Attleboro Police Department, Taunton Boys & Girls Club, Taunton Housing Authority, Taunton Police Department

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi>

## Funding Allocation



## Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth Development & Recreation\*



145

Participated in Positive Youth Development Programs

144

Participated in Recreation Programs

144

Developed Healthy Relationships with Peers

42

Demonstrated Understanding the Causes of Violence

## 218 Total Youth Served

83%  
At-Risk



Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

17%  
High-Risk



Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.

0%  
Proven-Risk



Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

=10% of Youth Served

Suppression



6

Hot Spot Patrols Completed

3

Drug Units Seized during Shannon Operations

148

Shannon Funded Overtime Hours for Warrant Sweeps

6

Shannon Funded Warrant Sweeps

Community Mobilization



19

Community Events, Meetings, and Presentations Held

15

Shannon Steering Committee Meetings Held

\* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

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## Community Risk Factors

	Massachusetts	Taunton	Attleboro
Total Population (2016 Estimate)	6,811,779	56,843	44,434
Population Lives in Poverty	11.4%	12.5%	10.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.7%	4.0%
Total School Population) (2016-2017)	953,748	8,005	5,909
Economically Disadvantaged	30.2%	42.3%	29.0%
High School Dropout Rate	1.8%	1.4%	2.1%

Sources: [www.census.gov/quickfacts](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts); [profiles.doe.mass.edu/](http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/); [www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/](http://www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/)

## Gang Activity in Taunton & Attleboro

10  
Street Gangs

48  
Gang Members  
Under 25 Years Old

During 2017, the Taunton Police Department identified 7 gangs comprising approximately 45 gang members, of which over 70% were under the age of 25. Gang activity included murder, assaults, drug trafficking, shootings, stabbings, robberies, and motor vehicle theft. Attleboro Police Department identified 17 known gang members from 3 different gangs with 100% of these individuals below the age of 25. Gang activity in Attleboro included offenses such as domestic violence, drug offenses, larceny, robbery, and stabbings.

## 5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2013-2017

